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WINTER SNOW

"Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow" (Isa. 1:18).

*Thanks be to God for winter, and the way
Of white sleep falling on a drowsy earth.
There is no word the lips can find to say
For loveliness like this. To tell the worth
Of such deep peace is not a thing for lips:
There is a time when spoken language mars—
In that great silence when God stoops and slips
His healing snow upon earth's ugly scars.*

*But though lips fail, the heart can find a Word—
The grateful heart that is remembering
Its own deep scars and the atoning Lord
Who made for sin its ancient covering:
The heart that, winter-long, delights to know
Its scarlet sins are all as white as snow.*

—Selected.

CURRENT SIGNS

A DIGEST OF CURRENT EVENTS IN THE LIGHT OF PROPHECY—BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

Cost of Killing

The following report in the *Reader's Digest* reveals the increase in cost for a nation to slay its enemy:

It cost about 75 cents to kill a man in Caesar's time. The price rose to about \$3,000 per person during the Napoleonic wars, to \$5,000 in the American Civil war, and then to \$21,000 per man in the World war. Estimates for the present conflict indicate that it may cost the warring nations not less than \$50,000 for each man killed.

This is a revelation of how a cruel and crazy world in which we live that will spend fortunes to destroy life and yet so little in proportion to prolong life, and only a pittance for the spreading of the gospel that men might live for all eternity.

Television Bomber

A robot bombing plane, literally a flying bomb with a mechanical eye for seeking out its target, is the proposal of Dr. Lee DeForest and U. A. Sanabria, Chicago television engineer, who believe that such planes, built at an approximate cost of \$10,000 each would be a simple and practical method of greatly increasing the accuracy of aerial bombardment.

In flight such a plane would be steered and operated by radio from a control plane that could remain as far as ten miles away. The engineers envisage a single-engine airplane loaded with either one large or a number of smaller bombs and containing in its fuselage a television transmitter and radio-command receiver. Using the information relayed to him from the robot plane's television set, the pilot of the control plane would be able to steer the robot directly over the target or dive it into the target. The flying bomb would be flown from its take-off field by means of ground radio control, after which the control plane would take over its direction.

On major raids it would be possible for the control plane to direct the operation of a whole fleet of robot bombers instead of a single plane.

Vision of Christ

The *United Press* makes the following report on November 7:

"Ten persons in the village of Firle (England) reported they saw a vision of Christ in the sky. A shepherd named Fowler who was tending his flock on the downs, said the vision appeared first as a white line which spread slowly across the sky, forming an image of Christ on the cross, attended by six angels with long white wings, one of whom was playing a harp. The vision faded after two minutes, Fowler said, and he rushed to the village and found others who had seen the same thing. An evacuee, Mrs. Steer and her sister, Mrs. Evans, said they 'could see the nail in the crossed feet of Christ and one of the angels with arms upstretched who seemed to be praying.' Seven other villagers made similar statements."

Religious Training

Children in New York City's public schools are to be released from school one hour a week for religious instruction despite protests by the United Parents Association and other groups. They will be permitted to take the last hour each Wednesday for study in a religious school if their parents wish it. The religious instruction center will be of the parents' choice.

May we pray that it shall become a national feature.

Wireless Electricity

The Pathfinder reported in the November 2 issue that the Westinghouse laboratories in Bloomfield, New Jersey, demonstrated wireless transmission of electric power. "Good-bye, electric wires" is in sight.

Saloons vs. Church

In most states there is a statute prohibiting the opening of a saloon within 300 feet of a church, and frequently churches have had to go to court to uphold their rights. For the first time in history, however, the proprietor of a bar has protested against the erection of a church, holding that it will be built within 300 feet of his bar in Miami, Florida, and that while his own license will not be affected, the presence of the church will make it impossible for him to transfer his title to the property of another.

What next!

Mormonism

The *Presbyterian Banner* calls attention to the strength of Mormonism in America in these words: "It is the largest, wealthiest, best located, best organized, most aggressive of all the false religions of America." There are now 2,000 churches with 700,000 members as compared with six members in 1830, and a system of religious education which is said to be second to none, starting with the Sunday School, continuing through the seminary and culminating in Brigham Young University.

A False Cult

Thousands have been deluded by the Ballard "I AM Movement" whose leaders are under federal indictment on sixteen counts of mail fraud. Assistant U. S. Attorney Norman Neukom, who presented the case to the grand jury, stated that the Movement had collected close to three million dollars since its inception in 1930. Guy Ballard, the leader who died last December although he claimed to be immortal, had declared himself to be Jesus. Since his death that role has been assumed by Mrs. Ballard, reports *Prophecy Monthly*.

It is hard to understand how so many can be deceived by such teaching, but the Bible says that "in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils" (2 Tim. 4:3).

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Christ Has Come . . .

By R. J. Thurmond

AND so Christmas is at hand. Though yet a few days away it will surely come and all too soon for some. How we hustle, hurry, and may I say, worry. I do not doubt but that for some Christmas will be just another day of heartache, suffering on beds of affliction; some with no money, feeling how hard it is not to be able to give. Yes, this may be all around us. Although agencies and various organizations of charity are doing all they can to see that everyone has some semblance of Christmas, yet as their hands are so full someone may be overlooked. If you will do your part in your neighborhood, you can have the satisfaction of knowing that no one in it has missed out in the holiday cheer. We each have our duty to perform, and how beautiful it is to have this Christian spirit of giving and serving!

But why all this hustle, and bustle, and worry? Christmas should mean something more to us than that. Christ came to bring peace. The angels sang, "Peace on earth, good will towards men." But it seems we can only have peace when we have seen that no one is slighted, no one of the household, relatives, and friends forgotten; but should this be so? Christ came to bring peace to the earth and to the hearts of men, but He said it is not "peace as the world giveth." It is peace for the heart. Could you be happy if you received no gift? Could you be happy if you could give no gifts to your household, friends, or acquaintances? Many could not be. It would make them feel "small"; in other words, hurt their pride. But Christmas should mean more to us than the mere ability to give or the receiving of gifts.

The angels heralded the birth of the Christ Child with: "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

Great joy! Good tidings! Of what? That a wee Babe was born? How true it is that this brings joy, and it is good tidings to the hearts who have been anxiously awaiting the birth of a child. But this is a different story. Although the heart of Joseph and Mary rejoiced at the birth of this Child despite the stable surroundings,

the sheep and oxen standing close by, yet someone else was to rejoice. The angels of heaven were so interested in this Child that they swooped down to be the first to honor Him and to tell mankind of His birth and that at His birth we are to have great joy. And it is good tidings to hear of it. If there had not been the birth

of this Christ Child there would be no such a day as Christmas!

A few years ago an article was published that told of a striking Christmas card that was on the market, with the words, "If Christ had not come." It was founded upon our Saviour's words, "If I had not come." The card represented a minister falling into a short sleep in his study on Christmas morning and dreaming of a world into which Jesus had never come.

In this dream he found himself looking through his home but there were no little stockings in the chimney corner, no Christmas bells or wreathes or holly, and no Christ to comfort, gladden and save. He walked out on the street but there was no church with its spire pointing to heaven. He came back and sat down in his library but every book about the Saviour had disappeared.

There came a ring at the doorbell. A messenger, requesting him to visit a poor, dying mother. He hastened to her bedside and said, "I have something here that will comfort you." And he opened his Bible to look for a familiar promise but it ended at Malachi. There was no gospel, no promise of hope and salvation. He could only bow his head and weep with the dying woman in bitter despair. Two days later he stood beside her coffin. There was no message of consolation, no word of glorious resurrection, no open heaven—it was only "Dust to dust, ashes to ashes"—one long, eternal farewell. He realized then that "He had not come," and burst into tears and bitter weeping in his sorrowful dream.

Suddenly he awoke with a start, and a great shout of joy and praise burst from his lips as he heard his choir singing in His church close by:

"O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye
To Bethlehem!
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of Angels,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!"

How happy he was to know that it was but a dream! And how happy to know Him who has brought Christmas to us and made it a time of friendliness and of peace,

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THE NEGLECTED GUEST

I do not know the reason—false or true,

Which ruled the heart of him which kept the inn.

It was enough, however, to shut the door

And answer that there was not room within.

How little did the keeper realize

What privilege and honor waited there,

Brought by the strangers to his very door,

If he but opened it and room prepare.

It was not that he sought to do them harm;

In turning them aside he had no plot.

His time of visitation waited him,

The tragedy was that he knew it not.

What reason rules the keeper of thy heart?

Are all the doors unbarred and open wide?

Is room prepared for Him who waits without?

Or do you answer still, "No room inside"?

It is not that you wish to do Him harm;

It may be you hold Him in respect,

But even so if He remains outside

You suffer fatal loss in such neglect.

Then open wide the door and make Him room,

He comes to give thee joy and peace within,

Let open hearts be made His natal place

That He might reign as King within the inn.

—JOHN WRIGHT FOLLETTE.

Introducing . . .

Our Madera Church

It was in 1921 that the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Sloan was opened for cottage prayer meetings, which were under the direction of Sister Mabel Stake. The attendance of these prayer meetings grew until more room was needed to accommodate the crowds, so the old Duncan Hall was secured and regular services were held there for several weeks.



Pastor T. E. Woods

Sometime later a building on North "F" Street was rented, and this remained the regular place of worship until the year of 1924 when lots on the corner of "D" and Front Street were purchased and the building now occupied was erected. In 1923, while still on North "F" Street, the church was set in order and became affiliated with the Assemblies of God.

The Madera church has been faithfully served by the following pastors in addition to the founder, Sister Stake: Brother and Sister H. H. Baker, Brother and Sister E. E. Polhemus, Brother and Sister Harold

Persing, Brother and Sister J. E. Tacey, Brother and Sister J. W. Belchar, Brother and Sister F. T. Alford, and Brother and Sister T. E. Woods, the present pastors. During the ministry of Brother Persing the new parsonage for the church was erected. A Home-Coming Day, held for the purpose of burning the church mortgage, brought forth great shouts of victory during Brother Belchar's ministry. While Brother and Sister Alford were pastors a good sister of the assembly opened her heart and purse and paid off the indebtedness of the parsonage; so today the church and parsonage stand clear of debt.

Although Brother and Sister Woods have only been ministering in Madera for a little over a year, much has been accomplished for the work of the Lord and the good of the church. The Sunday School attendance has increased until it now crowds the 200 mark, largely due to the purchasing of a bus, which affords transportation for children that otherwise would be unable to attend.

There has also been a double garage built as well as sidewalks put around the church building and on one side of the parsonage.

The good people of the Madera Assembly are endeavoring to "fight the good fight of faith," and are believing for continued victory in their midst.

HAVE YOU REMEMBERED?

We trust you have not forgotten to send your gift for our faithful missionaries who are laboring in fields beyond the horizon in this time of uncertain world conditions. All offerings should be sent immediately to Missions Department, 336 West Pacific Street, Springfield, Mo.

FROM DEATH UNTO LIFE

By MAX FREIMARK

(Continued from last issue)

Another person I was more than ordinarily interested in was a man with distinct Hebrew features. I thought surely he is coming to get something for nothing, and no doubt he will get it. I believed I could have acted better than he did. He was only a moment on the "operating" chair, when the lady told him, "You better go and get salvation first." There were strange demonstrations there. Some persons, particularly women, would fall into some kind of a state that made them powerless. They were carried away and put on the floor like dead persons. Every now and then one of them would jump up as though shot from a canon and burst out laughing or shouting hallelujah at the top of their voices, which did not seem to annoy the others at all. Still more interesting than all these things to me was a certain glow in the faces of some of these people. There was something mysterious, an expression of love there which I had never seen before. It was almost fascinating, and drew me in a way that I forgot what I came out there for.

That glow seemed alike on white and black. I stayed for the afternoon meeting, and found that those good people on the platform had their hands full in keeping order among the multitudes who all wanted to testify to what was done for them in those meetings. Some were so full of good things they could not hold them in. It was as though a safety valve would blow off and out would come the steam in words that I could not understand. What surprised me still more was to hear uneducated people glorify God in a wonderful way and power of expression.

For the first time in my life I determined to go home and read the New Testament. A few years previous, after joining the Masonic order, I had asked a friend to give me a Bible for a Christmas present, and I knew the New Testament was in there. But I had believed it sin to read it. Now I wanted to find out what it said about this Jesus, and particularly if I could not find some flaw there, for surely I could not have been entirely misinformed about this trespasser on our religion. This I also knew that one wrong thing there would mean a blackball for him. "A little leaven leavens the whole lump." There was but

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Madera
Pentecostal
Tabernacle

SOVEREIGN ASSEMBLIES

(The following article by our General Superintendent, Ernest S. Williams, should be carefully considered by all our District ministers.)

There seems to be some confusion over the terms "dependent" and "sovereign" assemblies. When the General Council was organized in 1914, there were already in existence hundreds of assemblies all over the country which were functioning independently. The pastors turned to the newly formed General Council of the Assemblies of God more quickly than did the assemblies over which they had oversight. As the World War came on, the assemblies gradually awakened to the need of being identified officially with the General Council also. Application was then made for official recognition and the assembly, already existent, definitely voted itself into the Assemblies of God fold.

It became the practice, therefore, for the officers of the District and General Councils to be present at business meetings in which assemblies took definite steps for affiliation with the General Council of the Assemblies of God. The rights of sovereignty of the local assembly were fully recognized even though it entered and became a part of the general fellowship.

In later years, evangelists and home mission workers, holding credentials with the Assemblies of God, undertook pioneer efforts for the creation of new assemblies and as these new assemblies emerged, they were treated just the same as the older independent assemblies and each one was given the opportunity to decide for itself whether it would become affiliated or remain independent. Therefore the same practice was followed with those assemblies which desired affiliation as with the older independent assemblies, existent before the General Council was organized.

There was a definite fault in this practice brought about through a misunderstanding. Evangelists and home mission workers should have made it plain from the very beginning that the new assembly slowly coming into being through their ministry was already under the wing of the District Council and a definite part of the Assemblies of God fellowship. The new assembly, however, was weak, immature, its members were babes in Christ, incapable of self-government through inexperience. It needed help from the District until fully indoctrinated, and its members showed evidence of Christian maturity which would warrant granting the right of full self-

LOVE GIVES

*"For God so loved the world
That He gave" and gave and gave;
He gave for sinners one and all
His Son their souls to save.*

*He gave the Comforter to those
Who followed out His plan.
He gave His strength to martyrs, too,
When put to death by man.*

*He gave of sight and healing
To both the blind and lame;
He gave unwavering love to all
That call upon His name.*

*He gave the peace I have today,
The joy the world can't understand;
The high resolve to follow on
The way that He has planned.*

*He gave the Water that satisfies,
The Bread that ever lives;
He gave whatever good we have,
For Love gives and gives and gives.*

—MRS. HAZEL NICCOLLS,
Oakdale, Calif.

government. When self-government was thrust upon newly formed assemblies prematurely, disastrous results followed. Novices were chosen as deacons, who took their jobs too seriously and unnumbered difficulties resulted, which caused much distress not only to the young assembly itself, but to its pastor and the district officers.

The better plan was to inform the newly forming assembly that it was privileged to have the care and oversight of the District Council which would advise and assist in other ways until it had grown of sufficient size and developed in experience to assume full responsibility of self-government. In other words, it would be counted as part of the Assemblies of God fellowship, but looked upon as dependent until it gave evidence of a degree of maturity. The young assembly thus informed will not resent the parental oversight of the district, but will welcome it and depend upon it.

The young, newly forming assembly should be given as simple a form of government as to be practicable. There is no need for them to be thinking of election or rejection of pastors. Let the District have the oversight and the pioneer worker be kept on the job just so long as his ministry is effective, subjecting himself to the advice and counsel of the District officers in all things. Let them have a membership roll. Appoint a secretary and a treasurer, or let one person handle both positions. Let the immature, dependent assembly find its

TAKE TIME

There is a burning of heart that will never come as long as you are talking to Him; but can only come when you let Him talk to you, let Him open up the Scriptures to you. When you give Him a chance, then will come the burning of heart, the evidence of personal, intimate communion. If you will only make time, cut off some of your meetings if necessary, or drop some activities of your social life, if you will find in every day some sacred minutes in which to wait alone with Him, then will break upon your life such a new consciousness of fellowship as will transform it to the last point of its reaches.—
G. Campbell Morgan.

CHRIST HAS COME

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a time of giving gifts and receiving gifts. To know Him is the best Christmas present of all for though unable to give, or perhaps not receiving anything—He brings good tidings of great joy. He brings the story afresh to our hearts, that Christ the Lord is real and is the best gift of all, given to a lost world by a loving Father "who so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Above all, let us be glad and rejoice this Christmas time because "He has come." And remember, friend, that if He has not come into your heart, He wants to do so now if you will bid Him enter.

place on the records of the District Council, but there is no need of issuing any letters of affiliation or recognition of any kind. The assembly will never consider it needs such a letter unless someone puts the thought in their mind.

Then when maturity begins to come, and the proper material is found for officers of the church, who can qualify according to the Scriptures, let the District officers come in and organize the assembly more fully, giving it an adequate constitution and by-laws to fit its particular needs and grant the right to full sovereignty in self-government. Then an application form for recognition of affiliation can be filled out and forwarded to the General Council Executive Office, and full recognition can be granted in accord with the Constitution and By-Laws of the General Council.

The VOICE of the District Superintendent

"Workers together with Him."

Dear Friends of the Fellowship:

I should like to discuss with you the subject of ministerial ethics. One of the most frequent problems we are called upon to meet is that of the relationship of the former pastor to the church which he has left. May I quote from our Bylaws a part of Article IX? "All discourteous conduct is disapproved, and all ministers



Leland R. Keys

are advised against interfering with pastors in charge of assemblies, whether it be by going in upon their work without consent, or such correspondence with members of the assembly as may hurt the influence of the leader." It would be well to read the whole Article but this much is sufficient by way of introducing the subject of this discussion.

Let it be said in the first place that for the sake of the succeeding pastor and in order to make his task easier, when a minister leaves a pastorate, he ought to sever all relationships with that church so far as possible. True, he will continue to pray for the church and maintain what we might term a disinterested interest,—but so far as a close contact is concerned whereby any party spirit is encouraged or engendered among the people this is to be discouraged by all means.

There are four ways in which we ministers are apt to err unless we are very careful. The first is through maintaining a general correspondence with members of the church which we have left. This amounts to a "tie-in" with the assembly whether it is intended as such or not; when the letter is quoted to fellow-members and the succeeding pastor hears about it, it gives opportunity for the rise of question if not of suspicion of interference with his work.

When a pastor goes into a new field he has plenty of problems associated with his becoming adjusted to the new situation

and the people; therefore, he ought not to be harrassed by the activities of the man who has just left the field, even though he intends no harm. The incoming pastor must establish new loyalties in the hearts of the people and this is especially difficult with some who feel that no one can ever take the place of the man who has just left. I well remember going into a pastorate a number of years ago in which my predecessor had built the work largely around his own personality and while he had not said so in so many words, nevertheless he had allowed the people to believe that there was no one like him in all the world. You will not be surprised when I tell you that during the time I was having my problems in becoming adjusted to the new situation one of the leading members came to me and said, "We loved our former pastor so much that we made up our minds that we were not going to like the new man no matter who he was." I ask you, my friends, what is a minister to do in a situation like that? He has a job on his hands to say the least. Please see how the Apostle Paul handled a like situation as found in 1 Cor. 3:5-7, 21.

Break the old ties so far as writing letters is concerned which might contribute to friction, unrest, dissatisfaction or longing for the former pastor.

In the second place there are some, who, having left a church and taking another close by, invite their former members to attend their services thus again dividing loyalties. Some have been known to go so far as to ask these people to leave their church and join the other one. This is nothing more nor less than just plain proselyting, a thing which God and every minister of high ethical standards hates. Recently a brother minister said to me, "I can't keep people away from my meetings if they want to come can I?" The answer is No, but one can do much toward encouraging these wandering sheep to be loyal to their own pastor and the services of their own church. Proselyting is unfair and unchristian; it is the device used by little men to bolster up their tottering edi-

fice. The man who resorts to proselyting as a means of building up his own work is confessing by so doing the insecurity and uncertainty of his own position.

Next, it is generally understood and agreed among us that we discontinue an evangelist visiting among the members of the flock without the pastor's presence or at least his knowledge and consent. This worthy principle also holds true in regard to the same practice indulged in by the former pastor of the work. Such activity on his part can only result in fomenting discord and contributing to a party spirit among the saints. If visiting is to be done by a former pastor among his former flock it ought to be with the full knowledge and consent of the present pastor; otherwise a man throws himself open to criticism.

It is better by far to burn the bridges behind one rather than to do anything to make it more difficult for, or to augment the problems of, the present minister of God. He needs all the help he can get and, if he will, the former pastor can do much to help him.

Finally, what shall be said of the man who goes back to the former field of ministry in order that he may collect the tithes of the saints? This practice stands utterly unjustified and condemned at the judgment bar of honorable and right-thinking people. The tithes do not belong to the former pastor on any basis of reasoning. They belong in the storehouse of the local church. Surely those who encourage the saints of a former pastorate either to give or to send them their tithes must be smitten by their own conscience. I regret to say that I have known of instances where the pastor of a church was suffering and in need because some of the saints were sending their money to a former pastor. This is utterly wrong in the sight of God and man.

Now what is the principle which may be applied to each of these matters of our discussion? It is found in the words of Jesus: "Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them."

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DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

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HOME MISSIONS ACCOUNT REPORT

On December 9, 1939 we received from the Gospel Publishing House a check for \$1,012.17, which was a profit distribution for a two-year period. The money was to be used only for new home missions and Sunday School extension works. Last month we received this year's distribution amounting to \$864.48, for which we praise the Lord. A report of the expenditure of this fund to October 31, 1940 is as follows:

Wheatland	\$ 50.00
Wheatland loan (balance)	199.00
Winnemucca, Nevada	369.04
Summit City	196.29
Weaverville	25.00
Monte Vista (near Sunnyvale)	
Sunday School	20.00
Silver Peak, Nevada	10.00
Portable Tabernacle	350.00

\$1,272.13

We surely praise the Lord for this added help and what has been accomplished thus far, and we are praying that good works will be established in each of the places opened.—R. J. Thurmond.

A GOOD EXAMPLE

We quote the following from the Georgia District Bulletin: "One of our good pastors announced recently that he had decided to tighten up his policy in regard to the evangelists that held meetings in his church. It was this: That he would take no offering for any man that would not promise to give his share of tithes to the District fund. We earnestly hope that all of the pastors will fall in line with this suggestion, for in the past there have been those who have held meeting after meeting in this District without contributing anything to the District fund. This is especially true of those who are members of our own District who are supposed to give of their tithes to the District fund."

Plan to Attend . . .

- MIDWINTER CONVENTION
- February 4-7
- Bethel Temple
- Sacramento

TO OUR GLAD TIDINGS FAMILY AND THE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF OUR FELLOWSHIP:

"And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."—Luke 2:7-11.

LELAND R. KEYS,
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CAMP MORTGAGE FUND

Receipts from October 16 to November 15, 1940, inclusive:

Gordon Shannon, Soledad	\$ 1.00
E. Wm. and Goldie Anderson, Oakland	2.00
J. Drent, San Jose	19.15
First Pentecostal Church, Oakland	36.00
Mrs. Nettie Clark, Alameda	2.50
H. C. Lafferty, Winnemucca, Nev.	5.00
Mrs. Mary Savidge, Redwood City	5.00
L. C. Persing, Yuba City	2.00
A. A. Lowe, Roseville	5.00
Wm. R. Hamblin, Napa	15.00
Jack White, Oakland	1.25
Mrs. Chester Williams, Manton	5.00
Julia Peterson, Oakland	5.00
Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Mount, Klamath Falls, Ore.	5.00
Alice Rice, Requa	2.50
R. J. Renfro, Dunsmuir	2.00
A. and E. McBride, Rohnerville	1.00
R. H. Moon, Palo Alto	10.00
Evelyn Cereghino, Madera	18.00
Axel Elmquist, Palo Alto	5.00
A. F. Gomes, Pittsburg	4.17
Margaret Lantz, Sonoma	5.00

	\$ 156.57
Previously reported	4,516.12
Total to date	\$4,672.69

W.M.C. ACTIVITIES

"It is more blessed to give than to receive," so think the women of the East Bay and North Bay districts. There has been a splendid interest shown in their efforts to help the home missionaries, some of whom will be sleeping under the cozy warmth of one of the seven comforters which have come in. Also the women have been busy cleaning and washing and ironing and mending used clothing to be given to parishioners of our missionaries in the Redwood District as well as attempting to meet the need of those in their own vicinity. The W. M. C. groups have had the privilege of giving clothing to workers en route to far away islands. And now, let me say, that there have been things going on behind the doors which cannot be reported because—well, you know all about prior-to-Christmas secrets!

Pray with us for an increased interest in providing for the necessities of our brothers and sisters in Christ, for in so doing we are doing it unto Him.—MRS. IRVING FORD, *East Bay W. M. C. secretary.*

DISTRICT CHANGES

TRANSFERS IN:

C. F. Rowe, Fruitland (Ordained) from Oregon District.

(Brother Rowe was formerly pastor at Fruitland and has been called back again after an absence of several months as pastor at St. Helens, Ore.)

TRANSFERS OUT:

Jesse A. Moore, Ceres (Ordained) to Oklahoma District.

MINUTE BOOKS

The new District Minute Books were mailed out the first of November. All ministers who have not yet received theirs should write at once to R. J. Thurmond, Secretary-Treasurer, Box 398, St. Helena, Calif.

Almost saved is altogether lost.

The God of the infinite is the God of the infinitesimal.

News FROM HERE AND THERE

By ALBERT J. LEBECK, Field Reporter :: 2622 W Street :: Sacramento, California

ALAMEDA—A gathering of the ministers of the East Bay and Peninsula Districts was held November 18 with Pastor R. A. Wilson. The morning and afternoon was given over to the discussion of the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, and in the evening a fellowship meeting was held with District Superintendent Leland R. Keys bringing the message.

ALAMO—The Sunday School has been showing a steady increase is the report of the secretary, Mrs. Lillian Bacon.

ATWATER—Evangelist P. E. Robertson conducted a two weeks' campaign for Pastor Joe Stark. There were a number of outstanding healings.

CAMPBELL—Pastor Z. P. Miller writes: "We recently closed a two-weeks' campaign with Evangelist Paul Pipkin. He ministered under a rich anointing of the Spirit. The congregation was greatly inspired and especially the young people. Two young boys started to serve the Lord, and one girl was filled with the Spirit."

CLOVERDALE—The North Bay fellowship meeting was held with Sister Alta M. Fenton, pastor, on November 18. Pastor R. E. Ray of Ukiah was the afternoon speaker and Sister LaVera Stevens of G.T.B.I. brought the evening message. The Safety Harbor Quartet from the Institute furnished the music.

COLFAX—The South Sacramento District fellowship meeting was held on November 4. Pastor Maurice H. Luce of Auburn was the morning speaker, Pastor L. A. Dodson of Colusa brought the afternoon message, and Sister Minnie Lowe of Roseville spoke at the 7 o'clock service.

DUNSMUIR—The King's Messengers (Evangelist and Mrs. King) concluded a campaign with Pastor R. J. Renfroe recently.

ELKO, NEV.—Concerning the fellowship meeting held November 11 Pastor Bernard Tewell reports: "We want to thank the Lord and report a very precious time of blessing from God at the services. There was a good representation from this side of the District. Sister Cora Brown brought the afternoon message while Brother C. V. Hummel and Brother O. H. Green both spoke in the evening. Truly we believe the effort well worth while and it meant sacrifice on the part of those driving several hundred miles in the cold to be present."

ESCALON—Evangelist Claude O. Wood began a meeting with Pastor C. Ely Persing on November 29.

GRASS VALLEY—Evangelist J. William Hatton conducted a two weeks' meeting from October 20 to November 3. Three were saved and two reconsecrated themselves to the Lord. Pastor F. A. Toller advises that he is now giving special studies on the book of Revelation.

SCHEDULE FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

Dec. 2—Manteca, Richmond,
Wheatland (dedication—
services 2 and 7 p. m.)
9—College City, Daly City.
16—Patterson, San Rafael, Pitts-
burg.
30—Trinidad.
Jan. 1—Oroville.

GRIDLEY—Pastor Harold E. Rhodes reports that Evangelist Ben Moore held a two weeks' meeting closing November 3.

HAYWARD—Evangelist Harry Yaeger began a campaign for Pastor J. E. Stiles November 11.

KERMAN—Evangelist and Mrs. Frey and Evangelist Lillian Powell held a meeting for Pastor T. E. Woods in November.

LODI—Evangelist and Mrs. Paul Grubb began a campaign with Pastor Stanley McPherson on November 12. Sister Grubb has a testimony to the power of God in raising her from the dead a number of years ago.

LOS BANOS—Evangelist Oliver L. Foth began a campaign with Pastor C. G. Roberts November 12.

LOWER LAKE—The Lake and Mendocino Counties District fellowship meeting was held with Pastor Wm. H. Elliott on November 6. It was a time of spiritual uplift. Evangelist Charles J. Fuller spoke at the afternoon service and in the evening Evangelist Betty Stubbs brought an inspiring message. A C.A. rally was held preceding the evening service.

MANTECA—Evangelist Julia Peterson conducted a campaign with Pastor C. O. Gunderson recently, closing October 27.

MODESTO—Pastor Donald G. Weston reports that they had a very good campaign with Evangelist Batchlor. The C.A.'s are taking an active part in the street meetings with about 20 present. A new Junior C.A. group has been recently organized.

MONTE VISTA (near Sunnyvale)—Evangelist Edna Onwiler closed a two weeks' meeting on November 10 and reports that during that time a number sought the Lord for deeper experiences, two were saved, and two were filled with the Spirit.

NEWMAN—Sister Alberta Daniels and her daughter Elaine, are the new pastors, having taken over the work the latter part of October.

OAKDALE—The North San Joaquin District C.A. rally will be held December 9.

OAKLAND—The East Bay fellowship meeting was held at Temple Church with Pastor E. Wm. Anderson on November 4. Pastor E. M. Johnson of San Francisco was the afternoon speaker, and at the C.A. rally in the evening Brother R. J. Thurmond brought the message.

PALO ALTO—Evangelist Claude O. Wood will begin a campaign on December 29.

PATTERSON—Pastor C. R. Peterson reports that the Sunday School attendance has been around 59, and that they are encouraged about the work of the Lord.

PETALUMA—The North Bay District C.A. rally will be held with Pastor T. B. Don Carlos, Monday, December 2.

PLACERVILLE—Evangelist C. E. Lebeck of Alameda recently held a meeting for Pastor E. L. Lassegues.

REDDING—Evangelist Ben Moore held a campaign for Pastor R. T. Doherty in November.

RICHMOND—The East Bay fellowship meeting will be held with Pastor Walter H. Smith on December 2. Brother R. J. Craig is announced to speak in the afternoon and Brother T. J. Jones in the evening. Pastor Smith reports that many improvements have been made in the interior of the building. A new rug has been purchased, pulpit furniture and other changes made adding to the attractiveness of the church.

SACRAMENTO—Evangelist and Mrs. C. E. Roberts concluded a five weeks' campaign with Pastor W. T. Gaston, on November 17. Many were saved, healed, and filled with the Spirit.

SALYER—During a recent campaign with Evangelist Mildred Howard and Sylvia Boyer several were saved and brought into a closer union with Christ. One lady past 70 years of age found the Lord, and her hearing was also touched so that she is now able to carry on a conversation with others very easily, something which she could not do before. The Sunday School doubled during the meetings. Paul Olson, a young man who was saved in Salyer last year and also filled with the Holy Spirit, is now attending G.T.B.I.

SAN JOSE—Evangelist and Mrs. King known as the King's Musical Messengers, be-

SEASON'S GREETINGS

I wish to take this opportunity of wishing all the readers of the GLAD TIDINGS a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

*Albert J. Lebeck,
Field Reporter.*

gan a meeting with Pastor Max Freimark at the Upper Room Mission, on November 26.

SAN FRANCISCO (Glad Tidings Temple) —The Sunday School has reached the record attendance of 540.

SAN RAFAEL —Pastor John C. Nelson reports a building fund has been started.

SANTA CRUZ —Pastor P. C. Tacker reports that their church building is being remodeled. The platform has been rearranged, new altar curtains, interior repainted, and opera chairs are being installed.

SANTA ROSA—A lovely new stucco church building, located at the corner of Earl and Davis Streets, was dedicated on November 19. Brother R. J. Thurmond was the afternoon speaker, and District Superintendent Leland R. Keys brought the evening message. A turkey dinner was served at 5 o'clock to the many who attended the services. Pastor M. P. Bohnet and his good people are to be commended on the splendid work that has been accomplished in Santa Rosa, not alone in the erection of the new edifice but in the marked increase in church and Sunday School attendance.

SILVER PEAK, NEV.—A new home missionary work has been opened here by Brother Lester Larson. Services are being held in the school.

SOLEDAD —Brother Gettis is the new pastor succeeding Gordon Shannon.

STOCKTON—The North San Joaquin District fellowship meeting was held November 4 with Pastor E. O. Robeck. Pastor Joseph Harper of Tuolumne was the afternoon speaker, and Evangelist C. E. Roberts brought the evening message. Evangelist and Mrs. Roberts began a campaign with Pastor Robeck on November 19.

SUNNYVALE —Evangelist Claude O. Wood began a meeting with Pastor J. W. Belchar on November 3.

SUSANVILLE —A two-day special meeting was held on November 3 and 4 with Pastor E. R. Gomes. District Superintendent Leland R. Keys was the speaker at both Sunday services and also Monday afternoon. Pastor Earl Larson of Westwood brought the Monday evening message. The Lord was present in a remarkable way. One was saved Sunday and two received the baptism of the Spirit on Monday.

TRINIDAD —Pastor Robert Cull reports that they are building a new church with six Sunday School rooms and a five-room parsonage.

TUOLUMNE —Pastor Joseph Harper reports that a Sunday School addition and a church basement is under construction.

WEED —The Shasta District fellowship meeting was held with Pastor A. Byron League on October 22. Oregon District Superintendent Charles G. Weston was the afternoon speaker, and District Superintendent Leland R. Keys brought the evening message. Brother Atwood Foster, Oregon District secretary, was also present. Pastor League reports that it was a time of real fellowship, and that there were about 20 ministers present. The building was filled to capacity.

WEITCHPEC —A fellowship meeting was held recently, and despite the inclemency of the weather there were those who braved the

PENTECOSTAL CONFERENCE

Pastor E. M. Johnson announces a Pentecostal Conference to be held in his assembly, Bethel Full Gospel Church, 3811 Mission Street, San Francisco, December 1 to 8 inclusive, excepting Monday evening. There will be three services on each of the two Sundays, and evening meetings will be held at 7:30. In addition to these services, there will be the morning prayer hour at 9:30 a. m. Brother Johnson will be assisted by Brother Harold Lehmann, and the following are scheduled as speakers:

Sunday, December 1, 11 a. m., J. Narver Gortner; 2:30 p. m., T. J. Jones; 7:30 p. m., Leland R. Keys; Tuesday, Hazel MacLeod; Wednesday and Thursday evenings, W. T. Gaston; Friday, R. J. Craig; Saturday, Cornelia Jones-Robertson; Sunday, December 8, 11 a. m., T. J. Jones; 2:30 p. m., Cornelia Jones-Robertson; 7:30 p. m., Leland R. Keys.

It is expected that various churches of the Bay area will be cooperating in this time of waiting upon God for spiritual enrichment.

CONSCRIPTION AND THE OBJECTOR

Brother H. C. Warwick advises that those interested in the subject of conscription and the conscientious objector will be glad to know that they may secure valuable information contained in two booklets, "What About the Conscientious Objector?" priced at 15 cents, and the "Pacifist Handbook" priced at 10 cents. These may be secured from American Friends Service Committee, Peace Section, 20 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

storm and were well repaid for their efforts, for the Lord blessed in a special way. Pastor Carl Tucker was the evening speaker. A number came forward for salvation.

WEOTT —Brother George E. Ney, formerly of Hoopa, is the new pastor.

WOODLAND —Pastor Morse Hammond states that the assembly has moved into the hall which they formerly occupied on Main Street.

We wish to state in answer to many inquiries that you are still able to obtain typewriters and office equipment from Brother Albert J. Lebeck. The profit derived from this source will assist in defraying the expense occurred in gathering the news for this page.

Give . . .

- Glad Tidings
- For Christmas
- A source of inspiration
- \$1.00 for 2 years

PERSONAL MENTION

Kenneth M. Haystead has been continuing his evangelistic work in the East. At the present time he is engaged in a meeting in Tottenville, Staten Island, New York, having just concluded a campaign in Newark, New Jersey.

Evangelist Floyd R. Hoole writes from Fort Madison, Iowa: "We are now in a revival and God is moving in a most blessed way. On last Sunday night the church was packed out nearly thirty minutes before time for service. About 100 extra chairs were carried in and placed where space could be found. Several have been saved and healed."

Word comes from Pastor H. G. Miller of National City of a good meeting recently held by Brother Robert Perryman, in which many found the Lord as their Saviour, numbers were definitely healed, and eight were baptized in the Holy Ghost. Brother Perryman is pastor of the new Full Gospel Tabernacle at 17th Avenue and Sacramento Blvd. in Sacramento. He reports concerning his own work there that the Sunday School has reached the high mark of 70.

Brother A. Breckenridge, pastor at Lookout, reports that he has opened up a new work at New Beiber and there is a small number attending the services regularly.

Earnest prayer is requested for Sister Tacker, wife of Brother P. C. Tacker of Santa Cruz, who has been critically ill; and also for Sister Pearl Herndon who is seriously afflicted in her body.

Sister Roxie Alford held a very successful three weeks' campaign in Long Beach in November with Sister Emma Taylor, pastor.

Walter Larson was called to the pastorate of the Elsinore church on July 22, and immediately began a revival lasting five weeks. About 20 were saved and 12 or 15 were filled with the Holy Spirit. A high record of 117 in Sunday School was attained recently.

VOICE

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Are we genuinely Christian in our ethical relationships? Do we place ourselves in the other man's shoes and do unto him as we would have him do unto us?

Brethren, let us be so fair, so honorable, so open and above-board in all these matters that we shall be able, throughout our entire constituency, to grasp each other firmly by the hand, look each other squarely in the eye, and know that before God and man we have nothing to be ashamed of.

THE THREE GREATEST ENEMIES OF MINISTERS

1. The love of money.
2. The lust of the flesh.
3. The lure of ambition.

The principles set forth in Christ's Sermon on the Mount are still fundamental to a successful ministry for Christ.

SUNDAY SCHOOL News

MRS. BERNICE MAST

District Sunday School Representative, Morgan Hill, Calif.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

The following is a suggestion for Christmas activity for Junior, Intermediate, or Senior classes:

"Let's adopt a needy boy or girl for Christmas!"

Our word "adopt" simply means that we take the child or family on our hearts and do all we can to make them happy. If you have a large class you may adopt a whole family. A cripple or shut-in may be substituted. Let the class make the choice of the family, preferably one that is outside the church and not Christian, as many have been won to Christ through just such activity. Such lessons as sacrifice, the right spirit in giving, kindness, soul winning, etc., may be wisely taught through such endeavor.

The child or family must not be made to feel that your kindness is in the name of charity but rather that you are doing it in the name of Jesus and because of the love in your heart. For this reason, then, I would suggest that you commence to show your interest sometime before Christmas. Here are a few suggestions as to what can be done:

A class bank may be started immediately for such needs as may require money. Older members of the church many times enjoy contributing to such a cause if the matter is presented to them. Clothes selected from the commissary to fit your adopted boy or girl, cleaned, mended and pressed, are always a welcome gift. Many times the youngsters themselves have things at home that they can contribute. Toys or a special toy may be selected and given. Decorate a Christmas tree for an otherwise desolate looking window. Providing a Christmas dinner is also an interesting part of the activity. Fruit and homemade candies may be added. Sing some carols for your adopted family on Christmas morning. Last, but not least, I suggest the gift of a Bible or New Testament with a snapshot of the class enclosed. It might well bear the words, "We are pray-

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PRACTICAL SUGGESTION

Do you realize that a child remembers or retains 90 per cent of the knowledge gained through personal activity? That class activities are a valuable aid to your ministry as a teacher?

A Sunday School lesson is not a lesson learned until it has become a part of the members of your class and their daily living. After our classes have heard a lesson, the next thing is to get them to do something about it. In other words, a lesson of "Forgiveness" is not learned if the members of the class do not forgive one another in reality. Your aim as a teacher then, is

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CHRISTMAS DAY FOR WHOM?

A Christmas Day in Africa, in China and Japan;

A Christmas Day in India, and far Afghanistan;

A Christmas Day in all the world, the islands of the sea,

A Christmas Day for everyone—that's how it ought to be!

But—there can be no Christmas joy for those who never heard

This story—there can be for them no meaning in the word.

A Christmas Day in Heaven! Oh, yes, I think the angels know

When Jesus' birthday comes, and sing, as they did long ago.

Do you suppose they wonder why we are so slow to tell

The tidings of great joy they sang that night, and love so well?

Sometimes I think they long to speed on eager wings away,

To tell the story of the King who came to earth one day.

But not to angels was his last commission given: "Go!

Tell all the world"—it was to us; and oh, we've failed Him so!

Shall we not give ourselves to Him, and then go forth to share

Our Christmas Day—our Christ—with needy ones everywhere?

OUR CORNER

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS . . .

Greetings in the name of God's wonderful Gift, Jesus!

Christmas! It's in every store window; it's all over the streets in town; it's in every catalog. But wait, it really isn't Christmas until it's in your heart, is it? Now let me explain what I mean. Look at that word "Christmas." Isn't the greater part of it "Christ"?

Folks may have pretty things in their windows and hung on Christmas trees, but if they forget to decorate their hearts with the love of the Christ who made Christmas, it can't be right, can it?

Some people spell Christmas with an "X," leaving the word "Christ" out of it. If they would only think, they would realize that that little cross speaks more for Him than anything else. No—we can't have a real Christmas without Christ.

Then with a real Christmas there couldn't be any selfishness or jealousy because Christ was never selfish or jealous. There should be lots of giving with real Christmas, because Christ is the greatest Giver of all. He has given us so many wonderful gifts; in fact, He gave Himself, didn't he? What a wonderful Christmas gift He was!

So, because I want you boys and girls to have the very best, let me wish each one of you a very real and happy Christmas this year.

YOUR SISTER MAST.

SOMETHING TO DO

How would you like to give your Sunday School class, or Junior C. A. group, or perhaps your own personal friends, an unusual Christmas greeting—a greeting that brings a special message?

All right, here is how it is done: You will need a large sheet of paper (drawing paper is best), and about a teaspoonful of salt peter, which can be purchased at the drugstore for a few cents. Print in large letters across the sheet of paper, "Merry Christmas." (The letters should be placed one half inch apart). Outline the letters CHRIST of the word Christmas, on the backside of the paper with a light colored crayon. Take a paint brush and paint inside the crayon outline with the salt peter which you have dissolved in about two tea-

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Two months of Bible school have passed, and with one accord we say, "What a blessed time with the Lord!" During this time many student activities have been organized. Missionary groups have been formed and several music groups. The missionary group has been divided into two sections again this year, home and foreign. Brother Gaylord Atwell is chairman, and each section has a president and vice president. These classes have complete charge of the Saturday morning chapel service on alternate weeks.

Marguerite Keicher has been chosen president of the Foreign Missionary group, and Oliver Hall is vice president. At the meetings of this organization missionaries are present who give the needs and problems of the various foreign fields. These services have proved to be sources of great blessing and inspiration to the students, and some have responded to the call of Christ in consecrating their lives for labor in lands beyond the horizon. Each day at 1:30 o'clock prayers are offered for our foreign missionaries. Students volunteer for this time of prayer and are richly rewarded as they faithfully intercede for others.

The Home Missionary group, or the Students' Home Field Council as it is better known, was organized by Goldie Runyon last year. The work of these young people is to present the need of workers in sections of our own United States and to supply workers for these fields. Statistics show that the need for consecrated workers who are willing to sacrifice, is very great in some parts of the country. Sister Runyon is in Springfield, Missouri, at the present time in the interest of the Students' Home Field Council. Leonard Leisy and Charles Smith have been appointed as leaders of the Council.

In addition to missionary activities there are several music groups, which are directed by Russell Pratt, a trained musician whom God has called into His service. They consist of the radio choir, the student orchestra, the brass and mixed quar-

WHO WILL ANSWER THE CALL?

*"What the world needs is Jesus,
Just a glimpse of Him!"*

The present condition of the world is that of turmoil. What can be done? is the question asked. Men are looking to science, new organizations, and various methods to answer this question; but all fail. Sin is on a rampage. Mothers and fathers are leaving their children; children are leaving and caring nothing about their parents; young people are throwing themselves into the clutches of the devil. I am particularly concerned about the young people because I, too, am a young person.

Hear the cry of our youth today as they go into eternity without hope. Lost, without God. Christ's Ambassadors, Christian young people, what about you? Do you not see the great need of intercessory prayer? Are you blinded by self-interests, business affairs, and personal gains?

"Hear the Lord of harvest sweetly calling,

'Who will go and work for Me today?

*Who will bring to Me the lost and dying
(young people)?*

Who will point them to the narrow way?"

The Christians today are crying for a revival but we cannot have a revival if God's people are not willing to intercede for souls. Christ needs you. He wants you to consecrate your life afresh that He might use you as a soul winner.

The great awakening in Ireland in 1859 began when four young men met together in an old schoolhouse and began to pray. A work of power soon began to manifest itself. It spread from town to town, and from country to country. The congregations became too large for the buildings
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tets. The students find many opportunities to serve the Lord in the Temple broadcasts and in the many outside meetings conducted throughout the city.

These many activities keep the young people busy for God and prove to be a great blessing to them as they see souls saved as a result of their efforts for God.—
R.T.

ALUMNI

Dorothy Totman Mobley '25 reports: "We are laboring for the Lord in Lapine, Oregon. We have a Sunday School of about 35 members which meets in the schoolhouse. We also have church services on Sunday morning. This is just a new field and is located three miles from a large logging camp. This summer we held a three weeks' Vacation Bible School, and a revival meeting for two weeks. Nine children gave their hearts to the Lord. Pray that God will send a great outpouring upon this place."

From Edward Kidroske '37 we hear the following: "It has been a real privilege to labor for our Lord in the needy field of the state of North Dakota. God has greatly blessed every effort put forth. Penitent souls have knelt at the good old fashioned altar, accepting the Lord as their Saviour. Others have received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, and still others have been healed."

Bernice Strickland '28 and Jane Horino '37 left for the Hawaiian Islands on October 25.

Ruth Miles '37 and John Epperson '40 were joined in holy wedlock at a lovely ceremony held at Glad Tidings Temple on Wednesday, November 6.

Alumni, send reports and news items of interest to Wm. A. Weinman, 1441 Ellis Street, San Francisco.

OUR CORNER

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spoonfuls of water. Then let it dry.

Because Christ puts the happiness into Christmas we want our greeting to show or testify to it.

When you are ready to deliver the greeting, light a stick of incense or punk like you use on the 4th of July, and touch the top and bottom of each of the letters you have painted with salt peter from the back side of the paper. Watch it burn its message right into your greeting. (The paper should be held up by the corners).

SEVEN THINGS GOD HATES

"These six things doth the Lord hate; yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood. A heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren." Prov. 6:16-19.



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TURLOCK CONFERENCE

Years before anyone fully understood the scope of Christ's ministry, Israel prophesied, "Unto Him (Jesus Christ) shall the gathering of the people be." "It pleased the Father that in Him should all fulness dwell."

Any action or any thought that would result in leading the people away from utter reliance upon Him is traitorous. Any injection of natural wisdom that would change the heart's focus and distort the glory of His cross is despicable. Any ostentatious display of ability or personality that takes men's eyes from the Author and Finisher of faith is a breach of trust.

In the recent gathering of our District fellowship at Turlock, this ideal showed forth in fascinating beauty. Christ alone was preeminent. He alone was worthy of praise.

In the measure in which this was realized, the Conference was a blessing. Pastor Alford, his Christ's Ambassador president, Marie Christofferson, their committee heads, and all his people were so unselfish and Christ-like in their entertaining of this convention that each concession seemed to come directly from the hands of Christ. The godly counsel of the District officer and the Christ's Ambassadors Counselors strengthened our purpose to serve. The cooperation of the vice president and secretary in bearing the burden of actual leadership sweetly "fulfilled the law of Christ." Perhaps most astonishing of all, there were no brilliant speakers. Under the anointing of the Holy Spirit, Christ was set forth as a patient Teacher, as an Enabler to higher things, as a Sanctifier, always as a crucified Saviour and an eternal King. There was no comparing of messenger with messenger, among the people. The messengers were forgotten in the obedient rush to follow the Christ. Unto Him was the gathering of the people.

There were several who surrendered to Christ and offered their fresh allegiance. Some reconsecrated and were refilled. A number dedicated themselves to a fuller

SELF-EXAMINATION

By ANNABEL A. KEYS

"Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves." (2 Cor. 13:5).

This is a day of testing and standardization, when practically everything in modern life is put through a test to see whether it is workable. Automobiles are tested and rated at so much horsepower. Children are tested and classified according to their intelligence and ability. In the main these tests have been helpful.

How about testing the genuineness, the "workability" of our religion? How about checking up on ourselves? Can we find a test whereby we can examine our own religious life with a view to deepening and broadening our Christian experience?

Let us look at the test as found in the Epistle of John. In 1 John 1:7 we read: "If we walk in the light as He is in the light we have fellowship one with another." We enjoy and seek the companionship of Christians—"How can two walk together except they be agreed"—and "What fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?" The question confronting us is: Where do we find

service. Others, for the first time, asked for forgiveness and found the Lord Jesus ready and willing to save. No one knows how many received His healing touch but a number did.

The expenses of the convention were amply met and nearly \$75.00 left over was directed to home missions in our District. Twelve hundred registered at the desk; the attendance was estimated at somewhere around two thousand. Over seven hundred and fifty people remained for the last evening meeting, and even though it was necessary to leave, everyone seemed to linger. Christ had met with His Ambassadors.

HAROLD LEHMANN, *President*.

our greatest joy; in the companionship of the saints of God, or with the people of the world? Those with whom we walk disclose whether we are in the light as He is in the light.

Then there is a startling verse in 1 John 2:3 which says: "And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments." (And I like to add: "And His commandments are not grievous.") What are a few of His commandments? "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might." "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." "Abide in Me." "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel unto every creature." "And being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, (which, saith he, ye have heard of Me.)" "Be ye holy, for I am holy." These are but a few of the many—and Jesus said: ". . . hereby we know . . . if we keep His commandments."

Then I would like to call your attention to the test of our affection. The apostle said in 1 John 2:15, "Love not the world; neither the things that are in the world, if any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him." Various definitions have been given as to what is meant by "the world." One writer says: "Anything that stands between oneself and God." Another says: "Things that interfere with or are opposed to the Father's purpose in the life." By way of illustration: The buying and possessing of things is not wrong, but doing it so that one's spirit is secularized by it, with God put in the background, is wrong. A Christian has been likened to a ship at sea. All is well as long as both ship and sea fulfill their intended purposes. But woe betide, when the sea invades the ship. So, pity the Christian who allows the world to enter in and possess him. Where is our affection centered? Is

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MISSIONARY'S PRAYER

I go among unloving hearts;
Lord, go with me there.
And let me breathe Thy love away,
Just as I breathe the air.
Let each day's hard and thankless task
Be temple work for Thee,
And every meal communion
And a feast of love to me.

May I through all the noisy streets
In Thine own peace rejoice,
And hear above the noise and strife
The Spirit's still small voice.
So shall Thy glowing love be lived
E'en in the commonplace;
And hearts unloving feel the throb
Of Thy rich, seeking grace.

MISSIONS

A good missionary letter has been received this month from Brother and Sister Ralph Williams who are located in El Salvador, Central America. They write: "Just now the Bible school is our biggest project. The Lord has sent in thirty-four fine, consecrated men, the largest group we have ever had. There has been a lot of sacrifice behind the gathering together of these men. Their combined testimonies would fill a book. One sold a much-prized mule; others have been helped by the offerings of the humble saints of the home assembly, while still others we have been able to help from funds sent us by those at home who believe with us that this is the most practical and fruitful way to establish a native church. God has wonderfully blessed the missionary plan known as the Indigenous Principle, and it is precious to see the interest the native brethren take in evangelistic work among their own people."

GRACE TRANSFORMS

At the age of sixteen George Muller of Bristol, England, was imprisoned for theft; and later at the university he lived a drinking, profligate life, acting dishonestly even toward his friends. At twenty years of age he came under the influence of the Bible and the miracle of regeneration was wrought. He who had been a thief was now so utterly a new creature that in the course of the years he gave away, of the money sent to him for his personal use, no less a sum than \$135,000, and when he died his personal possessions were valued at less than \$1,000.—*The Dawn*.

STUDIES IN REVELATION

By J. NARVER GORTNER
(Continued from last issue)

STUDY XV — THE BREAKING OF THE SEVENTH SEAL, THE ANGEL PRIEST, AND THE FIRST FOUR TRUMPET JUDGMENTS.

Chapter 8

It is important that we keep in mind the fact that the sixth seal leads us up to the end of the tribulation period, the very next thing on the divine program being the revelation of the Lord Jesus, the second stage of our Lord's second advent, that stage which will be immediately followed by the judgment of the nations (Matt. 25:31-46), and the setting up of the kingdom of the Son of man. The seventh chapter separates the sixth from the eighth, and we are thus led to see that the seventh seal is divided in a signal manner from the sixth seal. Beginning with the breaking of the seventh seal we are taken back to the beginning of the tribulation period, and under the sounding of the trumpets and the pouring out of the vials we are taken over the same ground that is covered by the breaking of the first six seals. Thus we are afforded in greater detail a prophecy of what under the six seals we are simply afforded an epitome or summary of.

This is also emphasized by the fact that after the breaking of the seventh seal we are told that "there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour." This silence has been called "the silence of expectation." It should also be regarded as emphasizing the separation of the seventh from the sixth seal. Unless we see that the events recorded under the seventh seal are not to be regarded as following the events recorded under the six preceding seals we shall find ourselves, in an attempt to properly interpret Revelation, in the midst of much confusion and embarrassment. How, for instance, can we explain what is recorded as taking place under the sixth seal if all the events under the seventh seal, including the trumpets and the vials, are to follow rather than precede and lead up to those events? Dr. W. E. Bullinger well says, "The sixth seal is followed by silence in heaven, as though to break off all continuity, and to show us that we have to go back and learn how the details of the judgments of the seals are to be filled in."

I. THE BREAKING OF THE SEVENTH SEAL

The Silence and the Seven Angels

Verses 1, 2. All heaven now knows

that the prayers of God's elect "which cry day and night unto Him" (Luke 18:7) are about to be answered. Under the breaking of the fifth seal we saw the souls of the martyred saints under the altar crying with a loud voice, "How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost Thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?" And they were told "that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow-servants also and their brethren that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled." Now their blood is about to be avenged on the earth dwellers.

There are those who would have us believe that the seven angels are to be identified with "the seven Spirits which are before His throne" (1:4), the seven Spirits symbolized in chapter four by the "seven lamps of fire burning before the throne" (ver. 5). But this, in my opinion, is wrong. Those "seven Spirits" are to be regarded as representing the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, in His seven-fold fullness. These seven angels are messengers, and are to be regarded as the trumpet angels. "To them were given seven trumpets."

II. THE ANGEL PRIEST: HIS OFFERING AND HIS ACT

Verses 3-5. Interpreters differ as to the identification of the angel spoken of here as "another angel." Some argue that this angel is Christ; others argue that he is *not* Christ; and some say that it matters not, and that we cannot know. William R. Newell says dogmatically, "The angel is *not* Christ," and apparently takes it for granted that the matter is now settled. Seiss believes that He is Christ, and quotes Primasius: "The Angel here is our Lord, by whom all our prayers have access to God (Eph. 2:18; 3:12), and therefore the Apostle says, through Him we offer sacrifices of praise to God continually (Heb. 13:15; 1 Peter 2:5); and St. John says, He is our Advocate with the Father (1 Jno. 2:1)." Wordsworth tells us that "this interpretation is sanctioned by other ancient interpreters, such as Augustine and Pede, and by Vitringa, Bohmer, and others, of later date." Robert Govett "supposes" that the Angel is Jesus, and we will follow Govett, and "suppose" that he is right. It is not necessary that we be dogmatic. There is a possibility that we shall find some day that we have been mistaken about a good many things that we have been very positive concerning down here where "we see

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SELF-EXAMINATION

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God first in our life? When God calls us to be a preacher, a missionary or a worker for Him, do other "loves" come first? Do other "loves" prevent the realization of the Father's highest purpose in us? Then the love of the Father is not in us.

In reading the Epistle of John, you have no doubt discovered the many times that the expression "we know" is used. In 1 John 3:24 we have the words: "And hereby we know that He abideth in us." In 1 John 4:13 we read: "Hereby know we that we dwell in Him." In 1 John 3:19 the writer says: "And hereby we know that we are of the truth." Thank God for the positive assertions of the Word of God. There need be no question as to our standing in Christ. We may enjoy the precious presence of the Lord continually. Can you answer to the positiveness of the Word of God and say: Yes, thank God I "know"? There is no question of doubt, and daily I am enjoying His abiding presence by faith.

May the Spirit of God search all our hearts until with the Apostle John we can say: "I am walking in the light as He is in the light—and I enjoy first and foremost, the fellowship of God's children; I am endeavoring to the best of my ability to keep His commandments; I love not the world, neither the things that are in the world: and I am enjoying the abiding presence of the Spirit of God in my life." "Hereby we know that we know Him."

EARLY CONVERSIONS

The *Presbyterian* quotes Rev. J. O. Wilson as expressing the importance of conversions in childhood, thus:

"Suppose that Paul had been converted at seventy instead of twenty-five. There would have been no Paul in history. There was a Matthew Henry because he was converted at eleven and not at seventy; a Dr. Watts because he was converted at nine and not at sixty; a Jonathan Edwards because he was converted at eight and not at eighty; a Richard Baxter because he was converted at six and not at sixty.

"How much more a soul is worth that has a lifetime of opportunity before it than the soul which has nothing! Lambs are of more worth than sheep in the realm of souls as well as in the marketplace."

SEED THOUGHTS

By JOHN C. NELSON

Virtue has healing power (Luke 6:19). We should add to our faith, virtue (2 Pet. 1:5).

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The five foolish virgins were lacking in only one thing (Matt. 25:8).

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There are 41 parables in the gospels and 10 of them refer to the second coming of Christ.

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The Bible speaks of dead faith, little faith, no faith, great faith, and so great faith. The "so great faith" was exercised by the man who was willing to believe the word of the Lord (Matt. 8:10).

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People that kick against the Word of God, punish themselves because the Word is sharp and pointed (Heb. 4:12).

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Ma-her-shal-al-hash-baz is the longest word in the Bible (Isa. 8:1).

WHO WILL ANSWER?

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and the meetings were held in the open air, oftentimes attended by many thousands of people. Many hundreds were convicted of sin in a single meeting. In some places the courts and jails were closed for lack of occupants.

God is still on the throne. He will give us a great revival if we pray. Why are we saved today? Because Christ had a burden and interceded for mankind.

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ACTIVITY

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ing for you" and signed as desired. Then don't forget to encourage the class to pray for those they have helped in His name. God will bless such activity, I am sure!

And, God bless you, Teachers and Workers, and a very happy Christmas to you all!

EVANGELIST BERNICE MAST.

FROM DEATH

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one thing which I could not understand but I did not blame Him as much as the Jews, for not calling Him a thief when His disciples stole corn. I could excuse Him for breaking the Sabbath day, for I did that myself. But would we not go after a man with a shotgun if we would find him in our field? Looking through my Bible it was not long till I found Deuteronomy 23:24, 25 to satisfy me fully, and I admitted that the Jews in Christ's time knew the law better than I did.

My doctor had scared me with some possible complications in my intestines, and I finally gave way to my wife's pleadings to be prayed for, thinking that I could go back to the doctor if God would not help me. Of course, I received according to my faith—nothing, though I realized that there was something in what those people were talking about and what they demonstrated. However, I was not in a state to receive it, being as yet unwilling to accept anything that should come through Jesus. As I did not receive healing I had (in my head though my heart inclined differently) a good excuse for rejecting it all, and so one morning we had another argument at home. My wife left, saying: "You will not see me so quick again." This was on the last day that Sister Etter was at the meetings.

After eating down my anger, I began to think about my wife's condition and what she had said. I did not know where she had gone and did not know where to look for her, except at the tent where the meetings were going on. I went out there about the noon hour, but there was no meetings and only a few people present. My wife was not to be seen. This disquieted me altogether, and my back began to hurt me as badly as ever. I went to the adjoining prayer tent. I never entered it before, though I had looked at some strange proceedings there, from the outside. I thought it was a kind of family affair for members, and respected the place. From the entrance I could see only a few people. I looked around to see whether there was not someone about who knew me, for I still was filled with worldly pride and shame. Then I selected a place at the bench at the center of the tent, slipped in without looking about, and kneeled down for the first time in my life to pray.

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REVELATION

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through a glass darkly." The important thing, it appears, that God would have us see is that our prayers must be purified before they can be presented before Him. This Angel is provided with "much incense," evidently the incense of our Saviour's all-sufficient merit, "that He should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar before the throne." We see how imperative it is that our prayers be offered in the name of Christ. Apart from Him there is no access unto God. "No man cometh unto the Father but by Me" (John 14:6). The burden of the prayers of "all saints" has been, "Thy kingdom come." All of these prayers have been stored up in heaven. The time has now come for them to be answered; the kingdom is about to come; it comes with the breaking of the seventh seal, which, as we understand, covers the entire period of the tribulation, the seven year period commonly spoken of as Daniel's seventieth week. "The smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the Angel's hand. And the Angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast in into the earth; and there were voices, and thunderings, and lightnings, and an earthquake." Here we are again led up to the time of the end, this earthquake being, in my opinion, the great earthquake described prophetically under the sixth seal. So we see that, while under the six seals we are given a summary of the entire tribulation period, we are afforded in these verses a summary of the seventh seal, and we are shown that the terrible judgments that will take place on the earth under the sounding of the trumpets, and the pouring out of the vials will take place in answer to the prayers of "all saints" after those prayers shall have been presented by our great Intercessor unto the Father. Mark the fact that the fire "cast into the earth" was fire from the golden altar, that same altar upon which "the prayers of all saints," mixed with the "much incense," were offered unto God. This proves, it appears to me, that the voices and all that accompanied them, took place upon the earth in answer to the prayers of the saints. Mark the Spirit-inspired prayer of Ps. 28:4. That prayer is now to be answered. And the parable of Luke 18:1-8 has particular reference to this time of the end.

WORDS THAT HINDER REVIVAL

"I heard . . ."
"They say . . ."
"Somebody said . . ."
"Have you ever heard . . ."
"Isn't it awful . . ."
"Don't say I told you . . ."
"Just between you and me . . ."
"Now if I were the pastor . . ."
"The pastor's wife, she . . ."

We now take up in detail what is to occur under the breaking of the seventh seal. This is indicated by verse six, "And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound."

III. THE FIRST TRUMPET: HAIL AND FIRE MINGLED WITH BLOOD

Verse 7. This will be, if our understanding of Revelation is correct, the first divine judgment of the tribulation period, for we are now taking up in detail, under the seventh seal, what, under the six seals, we are simply afforded a brief summary of. At the very beginning of the tribulation period Antichrist will be manifested. The old Roman Empire will have been revived; the looked-for federation of nations will have been effected; the Superman, the great Dictator whose coming is as certain as is the coming of those plagues that God has so graphically foretold, will have been recognized as the supreme ruler; the Temple in Jerusalem will have been rebuilt; the Jews will have been restored to their own land and will probably have already regarded Antichrist as their long looked-for Messiah. The world will think that the golden age has dawned, and that now it has been demonstrated that the evolutionist is right: a man fit to rule the world and produce prosperity having been evolved. Then this trumpet judgment will suddenly burst upon the earth. Hail and fire, mingled with blood, will be seen, and the third part of trees will be burnt up, and all green grass will be burnt up. Think of what this will mean. I am aware that many interpreters tell us that these plagues are not to be regarded as literal plagues. But why not? The plagues of Egypt were literal plagues, and these too will be literal. The plagues of Egypt preceded the delivering of God's chosen people from bondage, and these plagues will precede the deliverance of those same chosen people—Israel—at the time of the end; and also the deliverance of the whole earth, for it is

written that "the creature itself," and by the creature is meant the creation (the Greek word is *ktiseos*, and means creation), "shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God" (Rom. 8:21). The terrible judgments of the end time may be regarded as the birth pangs of the new order which God is going to set up in the world. And if the question is asked, "Is it reasonable to suppose that God will usher in the new order through such terrible birth pangs as these that we read of in Revelation?" We might say in reply, "Why did God bring into the world the Messiah through the terrible birth throes of the nation of Israel of whom He was born, and why has He ordained that a child shall come into the world through birth pangs characterized as the keenest anguish the frail human body appears to be capable of suffering?" It is a part of the divine plan. These judgments will take place as predicted; and will precede a new order in which the Lord shall reign over the whole earth. Then the golden age will indeed have come.

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PRACTICAL

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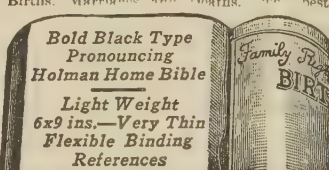
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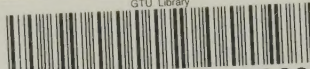
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